

The "Train the Trainer" Workshop, Seattle WA, July 15th-16th

Participants included 18 Laboratorians from across the United States. (Texas sent 5) Course objectives included:

- Describe the process to design, develop, and implement an accurate, thorough bioterrorism training program for sentinel labs. (Overview of Bioterrorism Agents for Sentinel Labs; Designing and Conducting Training for Adult Learners)
- Discuss the role of the clinical laboratorian in the presumptive identification of organisms with potential for use in bioterrorism. (Overview of Bioterrorism Agents for Sentinel Labs, "Wet Lab")
- Explain the safety implications of handling suspected pathogenic organisms in clinical specimens and isolates. (Biosafety for Sentinel Laboratories)
- Identify the microbiological characteristics of the primary agents likely to be involved in a bioterrorism event. (Overview of Bioterrorism Agents for Sentinel Labs; Hands-on "Wet Lab" with unknown organisms)

Based on this training, I would like to:

- A. Conduct a review of the sentinel lab information to insure that it is current and accurate.
 - a. Combine a short survey (Survey Monkey?) with an e-letter to:
 1. introduce myself as the LRN Coordinator
 2. gather information about BT training issues in the sentinel labs (needs assessment)
 - b. Use this information to develop a curriculum to meet the current needs of our sentinel labs.
- B. Develop a timeline to restart regular BT sentinel lab training, with an emphasis on biosafety/biosecurity
- C. Compile a list of resources for our sentinel labs, including online courses, webinars, etc.